



By the Queene.



Here in the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the thirteenth yere of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, amongst other things, there was one Acte and Statute made, intituled an Acte against usurie, which Acte was then made to continue for, & during the space of five yeres next after the ende of the said Parliament, & from the ende of the said five yeres, to the end of the first Session of the Parliament then next insuing, as by the same Acte more at large it doth appeare. And forasmuch as the said five yeres were ended & expired in the eighteenth yere of her Maiesties raigne, during the time of the second session of this present Parliament begun at Westminster in the fourteenth yere of her Maiesties raigne, and by diuers prorogations yet continuing: therfore some doubts & questions haue bene lately moued, whether the said Acte and Statute should continue but vnto the ende of the last Session of this present Parliament, which in deede was the third Session of the said Parliament begun in the said fourteenth yere of her Maiesties raigne, and first holden after the ende of the sayde five yeres, or else vnto the ende of the first Session of the next Parliament that hereafter shal fortune to be newly summoned. Wherefore her Highnesse considering that such doubts and questions being moued and spread abroade, may breed some troubles and many inconueniences amongst her louing Subiectes, hath therefore thought good to vse the advise of her Judges and Counsell learned therein. And finding plainly by their opinions that the said Acte and Statute was not determined or expired at the end of the said last Session of Parliament, but doeth yet stand in full strength and force vntil the end of the first Session of the next Parliament, which hereafter shal fortune to be newly summoned: Doeth now by the advise of her Maiesties priuie Counsell for the auoyding of all troubles that by the occasion of such frouolous questions might hereafter ensue, notifie and declare by this her Maiesties proclamation, to al her louing subiects, that the said Acte and Statute doth and shall continue and remaine in full force and effect, vntill the end of the first session of the next Parliament, which hereafter shall fortune to be newly summoned. And so willeth and straightly chargeth & commandeth al & euery her said subiects, to accept of it as a lawe, yet standing in full force according to the good meaning thereof, without any such doubts or questions thereupon hereafter to be had, made, or moued by any person or persons whatsoever, in any other Highnesse courtes of Record or els where.

Given at her Maiesties Palace of Westminster the nineteenth day of Maye. In the xxiiii. yere of her Highnesse Raigne.

God sauе the Queene.

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